

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 3 hours from the hours of 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 8 until 9 p.m. Wednesday, August 8.

Fishermen are reminded to check with Great Pacific if the buyer needs to shorten the hours they will buy fish because of limited capacity or airline schedules.

During last night's 3 hour fishing period 29 permit holders caught 7,556 chum salmon. Catches were average.

The Kobuk River test fish catch at Kiana continues to be well above average indicating sufficient escapement into the Kobuk River drainage.

Continuing with short duration openings should not jeopardize escapement and allow for subsistence fishing opportunity.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.